

REMARKS

Upon entry of this response, claims 2 through 63, 197 and 198 are pending.

Amendments to the Claims

The Examiner submitted a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 for failing to include a complete listing of all the claims of the application. Applicants have included the text of the withdrawn claims of the previous amendments. In addition, Applicants further amended claims 3, 12, 20, 28, 36, 44 and 52 on May 21, 2004 in a Supplemental Amendment by replacing the original chemical renderings with clearer versions showing stereochemistry of carbon bonds. Because such stereochemistry is inherent in carbon bonds, no new matter has been added. Finally, claim 42 was amended in the May 21 Supplemental Amendment to remove reference to hyaluronic acid, a biomaterial now covered individually in new claim 198.

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Amendment dated **July 9, 2004**
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of **June 15, 2004**

CONCLUSION

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that there is no fee due at this time. However, any deficiency or overpayment may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully submitted,



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